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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 19:03:05 EDT
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To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: QRP-L digest 3045

QRP-L Digest 3045

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by "Ken Newman" <n2cq@comcast.net>
- 26) [157871] FS: 28-Foot Fiberglass Masts
by "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
- 27) [157872] NEQRP SSB NET TONITE 07:30PM EDST 7.288Mhz +- 5Khz
by "Ron Pfeiffer" <n1zsw@hotmail.com>
- 28) [157873] MFJ 971: good, bad, indifferent?
by tm3@mindspring.com
- 29) [157874] Re: Logbook of the World
by "Lawrence Makoski" <Makos327@worldnet.att.net>
- 30) [157875] Re: K1 low power
by Wayne_W5KDJ <w5kdj@juno.com>
- 31) [157876] OT (sort of) - MS Front Page finally conquered
by Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
- 32) [157877] Re: K1 low power
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 33) [157878] DDS Generator Parts kit
by John Farnsworth <jfarnsworth@directway.com>
- 34) [157879] Re: Logbook of the World
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
- 35) [157880] Re: Logbook of the World
by Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
- 36) [157881] WTB: R-390A or R-388 (51J4)
by "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
- 37) [157882] Antenna support
by <charlescurrey1@imcingular.com> (CHARLES CURREY)
- 38) [157883] Re: Antenna support
by William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
- 39) [157884] OT: comments re: Circuit Specialists SMD rework stations?
by Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 18:50:39 -0400
From: "steve" <swells244@bellsouth.net>
To: <cprstn54@att.net>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [157846] Re: NJQRP Sniffer enclosure
Message-ID: <006801c37bdb\$c91f1ea0\$220110ac@STEVESL7X513D0>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Some Velveta macronni and cheese multi packs have a nascar tin that would work.I bought 2 at krogers.

Steve

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kenneth Cooperstein" <cprstn54@att.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2003 5:54 PM
Subject: NJQRP Sniffer enclosure

> Anyone find a ubiquitous,cheap enclosure for this project?
>
> It needs to be around 3.5" X 6" by 2.5" thick, with a removable cover
> -- preferably hinged.
>
> A VHS cassette box is too thin.
>
> Couldn't find a fisherman's hook box the right size.
>
> Tupperware is the next area to be explored.
>
> Finding a cheap enclosure is more work than building the thing.
>
> Ken KC2JDY
>
>

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 18:01:47 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <brian@iquest.net>
To: "Rick McKee" <kc8aon@juno.com>, <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>, <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157847] Re: [fpqrp] SW-20+ Mods
Message-ID: <00f501c37bdd\$57a13f40\$0764030a@bjmw2k>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Good Job Rick!

Have you taken any power out measurements to see if it varies from one end of the band to the other?

73

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rick McKee" <kc8aon@juno.com>

To: <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>; <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Monday, September 15, 2003 5:12 PM

Subject: [fpqrp] SW-20+ Mods

> Got my parts order from Mouser Electronics today, and performed the
> tuning range mod on my SW-20+. The stock rig covered 34 Khz from
14.0375
> Mhz to 14.0715 Mhz. So I added a 10 turn pot for the tuning, and
> increased the value of C8 from the stock 27pf to 74pf by parralleling
a
> 47pf cap with the original C8. I added the 47pf, by soldering it to
the
> bottom side of the board. It now tunes 14.02650 Mhz to 14.15480 Mhz
for
> a total of 128.3 Khz of the 20 meter band. I also changed C7 from a
> fixed capacitor, to a small 4.5 to 65pf trimmer cap that is about 10mm
in
> diameter. This allows me to set the bottom end of the band anywhere I
> want just by adjusting the capacitor. And since I have CW privileges
> from 14.025 to 14.150, this will be a handy improvement for me.
>
> 72/73 de: Rick McKee, KC8AON <> Willow Wood, Ohio <> Grid: EM88rl
> SW 40+, SW-20+, Norcal BLT, Norcal Cascade, Yaesu FT-7,
> Homebrew 6V6 tube TX & Hallicrafters SW500 RX
> QRP-L #2112, FPqrp #33, AR QRP, AmQRP, Ohio Valley Fists
> I'll give up CW when I'm dead ! MAYBE !
>
>
> -----
> The best thing to hit the internet in years - Juno SpeedBand!
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> Only \$14.95/ month - visit www.juno.com to sign up today!
> -To unsubscribe, mail to majordomo@fpqrp.com, msg: unsubscribe
fpqrp-l -
>
>

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 00:35:42 +0000
From: k8cz@att.net
To: w8cci@hotmail.com (BCVHFA)
Cc: cyoung@iac.net (Charles Young),
dennis.wells@unisis.com (Dennis R. Wells),
Subject: [157848] Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <200309160035.h8G0ZhGR021557@rain.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

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How it works is we each send in our logs, and hopefully the DXpeditions will as well. Where two logs match a credit is issued for that contact. That credit will be usable for awards such as DXCC and WAS.

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73,72, 00
FP #41 NJQRP #338 Fists #2360
ARCI #9606 SOC #336 Norcal ARRL
Hamilton, Ohio EM79ri
Tom, K8CZ

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 21:10:24 -0400 (EDT)
From: "n2cx" <n2cx@voicenet.com>
To: njqrp@njqrp.org
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157849] Re: September NJQRP mini-meeting/QRP Afield
Message-ID: <200309160110.h8G1A0F9014635@email2.voicenet.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1

Gang,

I'm sure you all have been watching Isabel's progress. The latest projections from NOAA
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_astorm13+shtml/152058.s

html?> that show she will likely stage a near-miss in this area on Thursday and Friday.

So please check this list on Friday to see if we will have a meeting. Needless to say if things are as severe as it seems they might be we all will be too busy cleaning up to even *think* about a ham club meeting.

OTOH if we luck out things are not so bad we we'll go through with it as originally planned!

Joe, N2CX and George, N2APB
for the NJQRP club

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 21:29:04 -0400
From: "Michael Bower N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157850] RE: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <ODE0IKLMAJFGCNMOGAGIIECGDKAA.bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of
> k8cz@att.net
> Sent: Monday, September 15, 2003 8:36 PM
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
> Subject: Logbook of the World
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Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 21:29:04 -0400
From: "Michael Bower N4NMR" <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157851] RE: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <ODE0IKLMAJFGCNMOGAGIGECGDKAA.bowerm@ix.netcom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 18:43:02 -0700
From: "Rich Johnson" <rjohnson390@comcast.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157852] frequency doubler
Message-ID: <002201c37bf3\$de1826e0\$f877d30c@END0EB86CD98A1>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Question:

What are the trade offs between using a diode frequency doubler and using a
'602 with both inputs the same as a doubler?

cheers,
rich

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 19:26:21 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157853] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <20030916022621.GA32235@n7xy.net>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

On Mon, Sep 15, 2003 at 09:29:04PM -0400, Michael Bower N4NMR wrote:
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The web page was updated late today.

Bob, N7XY

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 19:30:16 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157854] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <20030916023016.GB32235@n7xy.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

Any combination. I suspect that it will be a way to (hopefully) fill in some of those from stations who either have mail theft problems or are slow in qsling.

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Bob Nielsen, N7XY
Bainbridge Island, WA

n7xy (at) n7xy.net
<http://www.n7xy.net>

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 22:31:22 -0500
From: "Michael Morgan" <michael@aa5sh.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157855] OT: For Sale Kikusui COS-6100M 100Mhz Oscilloscope
Message-ID: <EAEJKGEHDMNHJFMKJBOLMEHDCIAA.michael@aa5sh.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have a nice scope for sale. If you want some more info about the scope
you can take a peak at the manual here
<http://www.aa5sh.net/docs/COS6100M.pdf> . We are expecting our second child
her shortly so I am having to downsize the shack a little to make room. I
would like to trade this scope for something smaller. Let me know if you
are interested. If you have any questions let me know at michael@aa5sh.com
or you can email me for phone number and we can talk about it. I would like
a portable rig to use in the field.

73's

Michael, AA5SH

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 23:49:21 -0400
From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>
To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [157856] Knobs and filters...
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20030915233038.0510f9b0@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I got the knob and filter I traded with Mike Maghakian for (see 'ad' below). The knob IS the \$25 one from Mouser; and I found a fabulous reference on the filter (an NTK [TOKO} LF-D6) at:
<<http://members.cts.com/king/j/jlkolb/site/curves/LF-D6.PDF>> and an even more interesting note about changing the in/out resistance to 2000 ohms from 1500 ohms at:
<http://members.cts.com/king/j/jlkolb/site/curves/LF-D6_2K.PDF> . Both on John Kolb's (KK6IL) great filters page:
<<http://members.cts.com/king/j/jlkolb/site/mfcurves.htm>> .

I'm VERY interested in trying 1 or even 2 of these in my R71-A where that single cheapo ceramic filter is. Ought to be great for the 'net' shape factor. Seemingly, with 2000 ohms-instead of 1500-as the in/out termination impedance, the insertion loss for 2 would only be ~ 1.0dB with just awesome skirts for SW DXing. Look at the charts!

There's no quid-pro-quo here... just a pair of bargains. I THINK the knob would be the same price as the filter-ask Mike.

AD-QUOTE

I have some NEW 13 resonator LF-D6 ceramic filters, rated at 6K at 6db and 12.5K at 60 db. I can supply actual graphs of the selectivity. I use two in series and they are great for SWL work. With two in series, the actual selectivity is about 8/11 (6/60db), a shape factor that is pretty incredible. they are too wide for DXing. They cost \$10 each or 2 for \$18 shipped. Quantity discounts available. Paypal addr: mmaghakian@yahoo.com . I take paypal or money order but email me first for details. "Maghakian, Mike" <mmaghakian@scc.spokane.edu>

UNQUOTE

72/73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

Ed Tanton N4XY
189 Pioneer Trail
Marietta, GA 30068-3466

website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

All emails <IN> & <OUT> checked by
Norton AntiVirus with AutoProtect

LM: ARRL QCWA AMSAT & INDEXA;
SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."
--Mark Twain

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 22:06:27 -0700 (PDT)
From: Tom Severt <n2uhc@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157857] Re: NJQRP Sniffer enclosure
Message-ID: <20030916050627.84896.qmail@web9605.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Kenneth Cooperstein <cprstn54@att.net> wrote:
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The enclosure I used was for the handheld unit to a
remote-controlled winch system. However, it would
probably be very difficult to find something like

that.

All Electronics has several enclosures that may be large enough for the Pittsburg board. Joe Porter, W0MQY, put his into a plastic enclosure from Radio Shack.

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Tom Severt N2UHC
<http://www.geocities.com/n2uhc>

Do you Yahoo!?

Yahoo! SiteBuilder - Free, easy-to-use web site design software
<http://sitebuilder.yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2003 22:11:20 -0700
From: "Bill Jones" <kd7s@psnw.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157858] Need Info About Pacificon RV Parks
Message-ID: <001c01c37c10\$f836fca0\$4b6aadcf@RadioRoom>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Friends,

I'd really like to attend Pacificon this year and my wife would like to come along but not necessarily to Pacificon or the Marriott.

Does anyone know of an RV park in the San Ramon or Pleasanton area? I'd love to take my travel trailer along so my wife could come and go as she wishes and so could I.

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Bill Jones KD7S <><
<http://www.psnw.com/~kd7s>
Sanger, California

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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 03:34:24 -0400
From: "philip wilcox" <pwilcox6042@wideopenwest.com>

To: <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157859] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <003b01c37c24\$f6081ea0\$48362f45@wowway.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
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From: Michael Bower N4NMR <bowerm@ix.netcom.com>

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Michael,
It takes me about 1/2 minute to fill in my computer log. And perhaps another 1/2 minute to send it to the ARRL log book of the world. Which is then received in a few minutes. Cost not much, time nill.

For a paper card - - - - the card has to be purchased, then filled out, then gotten to the mail, then received by you, then you have to send it to the ARRL when you have enough. This could take weeks, months, years. Cost minimum \$1.00 for each attempt on this end, much more for a foreign ham. And what is your return rate even if you send an IRC ? Then the cost of sending 100 cards to ARRL + the return mail cost.

They still have to use some system. The new system seems much easier to me.

I think getting a responce will be more likely when the postal service is not involved.

Perhaps this is removing the cork form the bottelneck.

Phil wb8abe

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 08:02:33 +0000
From: "Leon Heller" <leon_heller@hotmail.com>
To: rjohnson390@comcast.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [157860] Re: frequency doubler
Message-ID: <Law15-F101zUhyx9w800001328b@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

>From: "Rich Johnson" <rjohnson390@comcast.net>
>Reply-To: rjohnson390@comcast.net
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Diode mixers require a lot more oscillator power and many more components if you want it to be doubly-balanced. Frequency range is much higher.

73, Leon

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My web page: http://www.geocities.com/leon_heller

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<http://www.msn.co.uk/specials/btbroadband>

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 06:06:46 -0400
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: k8cz@att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157861] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <3F66E0B6.E20E5C31@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 10:48:33 +0000
From: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>
To: k8cz@att.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157862] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <Law15-F12eAX0mmzEbC00014863@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 07:02:32 -0500
From: Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@9plus.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, Rock-Mite_Group@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [157863] NorCal BLT Mods
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20030916070232.00844100@mail.9plus.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Recently built one of the little BLT gems in the new metal enclosure -- very nice. It's designed for use on 40, 30 and 20 meters and is intended for use with my Rock-Mites on those bands.

The optional mods for unbalanced antennas were added. When I tried it out with my antennas, I couldn't get a good match on 40 meters, marginal on 30 and worked fine on 20. My antennas are a Butternut HF9V vertical and W9INN multi-band short dipole. None closely matched -- just *somewhere* in the band. (My station transmatch is an MFJ-969.)

A message to Charlie Lofgren, W6JJZ, the designer of the BLT, brought some suggestions for resolution of the problem. One was to change the low Z link from 6 to 4 turns. Another was to add more capacitance to the input capacitor. So that's what I did. The low Z link is now 4 turns and an 82 pF silver mica cap was connected across the input tuning capacitor. I probably would have used 100 pF but 82 was all I could come up with in the really-good-capacitor goodie box.

I could have mounted a subminiature SPST toggle switch just over the LED to switch the extra cap in or out. But it wasn't needed here. With other antennas that might not be the case.

Everything is working just fine now. Switching between the low Z and high

Z links depending on what the tuner sees looking into the antenna feedline does the job. Using the FT-817 as a signal generator and the WM-2 to check for minimum SWR, the BLT tunes to less than 1.1 to 1 on all three bands with either antenna. The LED is OUT!

Some efficiency measurements using the methods developed by Frank Witt, AI1H, are on the to do list. You can find info on Frank's methods in the Apr, May 1995 issues of QST and in the ARRL Antenna Compendium Vol 5. Charlie Lofgren has a good article about single-coil Z-Matchers in Vol 5 too.

Many thanks to Charlie for the BLT mod suggestions.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
QRP-ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, QRPp-I #115, ARS #1280, SOC #57
Zombie #759, COG #11, 6 Club #201, FP #601 oo <http://www.netxqrp.org>

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 12:38:11 GMT
From: Kevin Anderson <k9iua@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157864] Summer QRP Quarterly?
Message-ID: <20030916.054234.15023.265447@webmail06.lax.unttd.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

I have not received a summer issue of QRP Quarterly.
Has it been mailed? I tried contacting the specified
person with ARCI with no response. I know my subscription
is good, but maybe they still used my old address.

Please reply off-line. Thanks!

Kevin Anderson

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Kevin Anderson, K9IUA, Dubuque IA
k9iua (at) juno (dot) com
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From: kwike@gdls.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157865] Michigan QRP Net
Message-ID: <0F054030A8.2F0DF6CE-0N85256DA3.00476D76@gdls.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Last week we had eight check-ins from four states. The QRN conditions continue to improve.

KB8BO	599 599	WEST BLOOMFIELD	MI	JOE
WA8BXN	599 599	CLEVELAND	OH	MIKE
KE9V	579 579	MUNCIE	IN	JEFF
WA8REI/P	599 599	MISSION PT LH	MI	KEN
KI3R	549	BEAVERTON	PA	TOM
WS3K	449 569	LEWISTOWN	PA	DON
K8CV	599	ROYAL OAK	MI	WALT
K8NWD	599 599	WATERFORD	MI	TIM

The Michigan QRP Net meets each Tuesday night at 9:00 PM Eastern Time on 3.535 MHz. All Hams are welcome.

Ed AB8DF Waterford, MI

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 13:03:50 +0000
From: k8cz@att.net
To: "Bill Rowlett" <kc4atu@hotmail.com>
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157866] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <200309161303.h8GD3pgR030382@rain.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Sorry Bill,

Maybe I should have been more clear. The QSL card has traditionally been THE mode of verification for a contact. You're right in that the QSL is still the final courtesy extended in appreciation of a contact and should continue for that reason. And therefore LOTW does not have anything to do with QSL'ing.

I also understand that something other than e-QSL was needed for verification.

LOTW should simplify and reduce the cost of obtaining verification for award purposes only. For myself, I still want the cards for my own pleasure.

At any rate, the purpose of my post was to inform a great many of my friends that LOTW was now live.

Good luck to all.

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From: k8cz@att.net
To: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157867] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <200309161314.h8GDE0gR008738@rain.CC.Lehigh.EDU>

Good morning Bruce,

Well for you and I at least , the thrill is still there and I will continues to send QSL's in the hope of obtaining them from those who I was fortunate to contact.

Still, I have been disappointed enough in the past that I think LOTW will be a blessing to those needing verification for awards. For example, I currently only hold cards for 56 of the 117 DXCC entities I have had the fortune of contacting. Assuming a 10% error rate on the 61 missing cards (maybe 6 or 7 of those are incorrect copy on call sign or whatever), I should still have 110 verified. Even at 20% I would still hold DXCC.

LOTW still reduces cost of verification and simplifies the awards process, even for us old curmudgeons.

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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 06:36:31 -0700 (PDT)
From: Lloyd Lachow <llachow@yahoo.com>
To: "Li'l Piggies" <fpqrp-l@mpna.com>,
List Elecraft <elecraft@mailman.qth.net>,
Subject: [157868] K1 low power
Message-ID: <20030916133631.62025.qmail@web41012.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

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TIA!

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73, 72 es oo, Lloyd, K3ESE - Reisterstown, Maryland
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Hunk o' Wahr - Begali Magnetic Classic Paddles
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From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: k8cz@att.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157869] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <3F671318.3D437ABD@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Well yes and no. It only really addresses the contest crowd in the manner advertised. They are the most likely to send in their logs in a timely fashion. The rest of the world will send in their logs maybe every six months or even once each year! What you say works for DX contests, but not so well for the casual DXer or person slowly working his way toward WAS.

Obtaining DXCC used to be something that took a long time. The cost of cards did not seem so great because it was spread over five or so years. And, of course, there was the thrill of opening each envelope from the bureau! Also, do the logs have to be in Cabrillo format, and what about the cost of software!

Oh well, just an old curmudgeon talking

73

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 10:38:12 -0400
From: "Ken Newman" <n2cq@comcast.net>
To: "List QRP-L Reflector" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>,
"List Elecraft" <Elecraft@mailman.qth.net>
Subject: [157870] NJ Homebrewer Sprint - Sun Eve
Message-ID: <015101c37c60\$2d174430\$3fcb2d44@kensdell>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

This Sunday evening (Sep 22 - 0000 UTC to 0400 UTC) (Sept 21 - 2000 EDST to 2400 EDST) is time for the NJ Homebrewer Sprint. Take a look at <http://www.njqrp.org/data/qrphomebrewersprint.html> and you will fun with it! Prizes could come your way.

Ken Newman
Woodbury, NJ
N2CQ@ARRL.NET

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 09:46:35 -0500
From: "Tim, N9PUZ" <n9puz@arrl.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157871] FS: 28-Foot Fiberglass Masts
Message-ID: <200391694635.796027@EOS>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

A while back I offered some 28-foot long collapsible poles for sale that= were similar to the SD-20 and Black Widows fishing poles. I have more of the= poles again for anyone interested.

There are two differences between these and the SD-20, etc. First, they are= 28 feet long when extended and not 20 feet like the others. Second, the top section is about 5 mm in diameter at the tip and the pole is quite a bit stiffer.

I've used mine to successfully support a wire vertical, a NorCal doublet,= and a 300 Ohm twin lead J-Pole for VHF.

If you are interested in one please WRITE TO ME OFF LIST for further= details.

Jim has approved me sending this post, PLEASE let's not clog the list with the transaction details.

Tim, N9PUZ
n9puz @ arrl . net

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 10:54:14 -0400
From: "Ron Pfeiffer" <n1zsw@hotmail.com>
To: neqrp@jona1.net, qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157872] NEQRP SSB NET TONITE 07:30PM EDST 7.288Mhz +- 5Khz
Message-ID: <Law9-F637S0xf5FGpEP000203a2@hotmail.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Last weeks Check ins:

KC1FB	Jim	FT-7	5W
K1CL	Chuck		
WA8BXN	K2		5W
KD1JV	Steve	PATCOMM 1600	
N1GUS	Wayne	FT817	5W
WA3FZ??	Craig	relay from K1CL	

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Have fun, Ron

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Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 11:58:57 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
From: tm3@mindspring.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157873] MFJ 971: good, bad, indifferent?
Message-ID: <24046250.1063727937724.JavaMail.root@wamui07.slb.atl.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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i'm interested in a portable QRP antenna tuner to be primarily used with open wire feedline, secondarily used with random wire antennas.

the MFJ 971 looks like it would fit the bill but before investing in it i'd like

some feedback. are there any better choices out there?

thanks!

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 12:06:10 -0400
From: "Lawrence Makoski" <Makos327@worldnet.att.net>
To: <w6toy@erols.com>,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157874] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <001001c37c6c\$726771c0\$78b5590c@larrysahyqy001>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Amen to that, Bruce! After many fits and starts; and working towards it
and then backing off, I finally earned my DXCC certificate this year,
after 24 years of Hamming.

I like the fact that I have 117 cards from different countries of the
world that I can touch and see and reminisce over. They are going up on
my shack wall in QSL protectors so anyone who visits can see the reason
for the certificate.

73 de Larry W2LJ

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 16:34:00 GMT
From: Wayne_W5KDJ <w5kdj@juno.com>
To: llachow@yahoo.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157875] Re: K1 low power
Message-ID: <20030916.093446.24817.355609@webmail10.lax.unttd.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Try a realignment. The xtals are no longer green and may have changed freq.

Wayne_W5KDJ

Ex: SV0WWW_TF2WJN *e-QSL*

ARS_1392 ARCI_11325 FP_626

FISTS_10060 SOC_538 ARRL

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From: Ed Tanton <n4xy@earthlink.net>

To: qrp-L Reflector <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, noga <nogaqrp@mailman.qth.net>

Subject: [157876] OT (sort of) - MS Front Page finally conquered
Message-ID: <6.0.0.22.2.20030916123857.02fe5f68@pop.earthlink.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

The title says it all. While there's plenty of stuff associated with Front Page, I have been having trouble adding new photos to a page. FP does NOT like to 'SEND' to QSL.NET yet, my FTP program sends files immediately. Also, if I used the AutoThumbnail feature (which is REALLY nice) the imbedded thumbnail did not want to appear. Won't bore those not interested, but if you're having similar problems, it is solved.

Now if I could just get "AllWebMenues Pro" working... sigh.

On that note, LOTs of pictures, and work done on the Antennas, Receivers, and (of course) GDO sections. The Bandpass Filter project in the Homebrew section continues to expand also.

P.S. If you find a non-displayed photo, PLEASE let me know. I used FP to move an entire subdivision of photos to incorporate Ham Radio WITHIN the ELECTRONICS division, and it updated about 1/2 the hyperlinks. I'm going through the website page by page looking for them to add: "Electronics/" to the darn image addresses that were not done by FP.

72/73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@earthlink.net>

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"He that gives up a little liberty to gain
temporary security will lose both and
deserve neither".
--Benjamin Franklin

"Suppose you were an idiot ...
and suppose you were a member of
Congress... but I repeat myself."

--Mark Twain

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From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: llachow@yahoo.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157877] Re: K1 low power
Message-ID: <3F674174.F8813BC2@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Frankly I would not worry. Transistors usually show a decrease in power output as frequency goes up. The numbers you give only show a slight decrease in power from 40 to 20, and less than a 3db change from there on. This decrease is hardly worth the effort to fix, certainly not with 15 going on vacation.

But, if I had to look, I would check the output filters and maybe the final transistor,

73

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 13:19:07 -0400
From: John Farnsworth <jfarnsworth@direcway.com>
To: "qrp-l@Lehigh. EDU" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157878] DDS Generator Parts kit
Message-ID: <DIEHLGHLBGPNJENLGEKKEBICBAA.jfarnsworth@direcway.com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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The final batch of parts kits for Trevor's DDS VFO/Signal Generator have gone to their new owners. I hope you all enjoy putting it together; I finally finished mine and it is awesome!

I overkitted in case there were a few people that saw the post late like last time. Consequently I have 2 kits left over that are for sale.

If you are not sure which DDS kit this is, check it out at Trev's website:

<http://www.qsl.net/kg6cyn>

But if you don't already have the boards and the CPU, you probably don't want this kit, as I think the earlier kit is sold out.

But for those of you that got the earlier kit, but haven't had the time to pick up all the other misc. parts, this is the kit for you.

The description of the kit:

The kit of parts is not complete, it consists of most of the "jellybean" parts.

It's shorter to list what the kit DOESN'T have:

- PCBs
- DDS Chip (Get for free from Analog Devices)
- Rotary encoder
- Handwound toroids, L1 and L2
- LCD Display
- ERA-1 mmic (output buffer)
- Programmed CPU

The kit is \$35.00 postpaid. Contact me directly at jfarnsworth@direcway.com if you want one of these last 2 kits. Paypal or personal check is ok.

Thanks for the BW!

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From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: Lawrence Makoski <Makos327@worldnet.att.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157879] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <3F674A07.EF45F6FF@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Larry, I had been a ham for 24 years before I got my DXCC and I had to move to Europe to do it! I got mine as PA3AIC. I have all 152 cards in a postcard album that I bough especially for the cards. Since then I have worked DXCC several times in DX DX contests.

One thing to watch out for about mounting your cards on the wall; keep them covered with darkish plastic or paper so they will not fade!

73

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 11:12:07 -0700
From: Bob Nielsen <nielsen@oz.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [157880] Re: Logbook of the World
Message-ID: <20030916181207.GA4183@n7xy.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

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> cards did not seem so great because it was spread over five or so
> years. And, of course, there was the thrill of opening each envelope
> from the bureau! Also, do the logs have to be in Cabrillo format, and
> what about the cost of software!

I recall taking something like 27 years (many were inactive) to finally achieve DXCC. When I started accumulating QRP contacts, I was able to work 100 countries in less than a year, with a better receiver, but less of an antenna. I attribute this to finally being active during a sunspot peak. Fortunately, after 51 years of hamming, I still look forward to receiving a bureau envelope, although the last one was exclusively filled with JA cards!

LOTW will accept either Cabrillo or ADIF (supported by most logging programs) format. You input the log file into the LOTW tqsl program and it creates a signed data file which you email to ARRL. You can also manually input QSO data into tqsl.

Bob, N7XY

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 18:20:06 +0000

From: "Alan Fryer" <N3BJ@hotmail.com>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157881] WTB: R-390A or R-388 (51J4)
Message-ID: <Law9-0E31ilcjb0v38l00007091@hotmail.com>

Sort of a long shot, but wonder if any list member has an R-390A or R-388 (51J4) receiver in reasonable condition that is surplus. Could pickup within 250 miles of Roanoke, VA.

Alan, N3BJ
Bent Mountain, VA

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 14:30:20 -0400
From: <charlescurrey1@imcingular.com> (CHARLES CURREY)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [157882] Antenna support
Message-ID: <10092684.925951244@imcingular.com>

Hi all,

I am moving to new digs with lots of room but no tall trees, exactly the opposite of my current location. Therefore, I need ideas about antenna supports for wire antennas that are strong, naturally, cheap, of course, and tall. I plan on adhering to the first rule of antenna construction: the more wire, the higher, the better. I'm wondering what the rest of you who are tree challenged are doing. Thanks in advance.

73,

Chuck Currey, kg4qqh

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 13:06:24 -0600
From: William R Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>
To: charlescurrey1@imcingular.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [157883] Re: Antenna support
Message-ID: <20030916.130628.-387261.13.w5xe@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

You might look at the N9PUZ telescopic fiberglass pole mentioned on the list earlier today. He has a website where you can go

and look at the pole and mounts. A friend
here just got his in and it is a very nice 28 ft
pole suitable for wire type antennas without
folding over.

73

Ray

"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be
changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78
fp #111 ARCI-5784 NCT2R El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2003 17:37:03 -0400
From: Brad Thompson <Brad.Thompson@valley.net>
To: w5xe@juno.com,
"Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [157884] OT: comments re: Circuit Specialists SMD rework stations?
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.2.20030916173606.01dfe890@pop3.norton.antivirus>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hello--

Does anyone in the group use either the Circuit Specialists model CSI825A++
(\$199)
or CSI906 (\$169) combination hot-air and soldering-iron SMD rework station(s)?
If so, I'm interested in reading your positive and negative impressions.
The prices
and range of accessories for both workstations look very attractive.

Thanks for your comments-- don't hesitate to reply to me off-group if you
prefer.

73--

Brad AA1IP

(Remove the zpam before replying)

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